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## **Brater Recognized as Environmental “Legislator of the Year”**

***Clean Water Action: “Her leadership continues to be indispensable”***

LANSING—Today Sen. Liz Brater (D-Ann Arbor) will be presented with Clean Water Action’s top honor, the Legislator of the Year Award, for her work to protect the environment. Her advocacy for legislative action to protect our natural resources has helped shaped policy in the areas of eliminating water contamination and out-of-state trash, and most recently, she headed up the effort to create strong water withdrawal protections for Michigan.

“We have a responsibility to preserve and protect our coveted resources for future generations,” said Brater. “Being recognized for having a role in this effort is truly an honor.”

As minority vice chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, Sen. Brater has led the way on a number of important water protection packages. She and her Senate Democratic colleagues recently introduced a package of bills that would establish clear rules for water use and withdrawals while protecting the manufacturing and agriculture industries. She is also participating in hearings on the matter this week.

“Michigan’s lakes, rivers and streams--and the people who love to fish, swim and recreate in them--have no better friend in the Legislature than Liz Brater,” said David Holtz, Michigan Director of Clean Water Action. “Her leadership continues to be indispensable, and her proposed water use legislation is the standard by which all others will be judged as the Senate holds landmark hearings this week.”

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*State Senator Brater represents Senate District 18 which includes the cities of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Chelsea, the Villages of Barton Hills and Dexter, and the following townships: Ann Arbor, Augusta, Dexter, Freedom, Lima, Lyndon, Northfield, Salem, Scio, Sharon, Superior, Sylvan, Webster and Ypsilanti. She is the minority vice chair of the natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee and the Agriculture, Forestry, and Tourism Committee.*